

District VI Advisory Board Minutes

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Monday
March 6, 2006
7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. The District VI City Council Member, Sharon Fearey led the meeting and ten (10) District Advisory Board members and a youth representative were in attendance. Six (6) city staff were present and seven (7) members of the public. Approximately 24 were in attendance.

Members Present

C. Bickley Foster
Jaya Escobar
Darcy Weaver
Rosalie Bradley
Bob Wine
Charlie Claycomb
Carol Skaff
Bob Schreck
Marsha Carr
John VanWalleghen
Garrett Harmon-Youth

Members Absent

Linda Matney
Veronica Triana

Staff Present

Officer Kyle, Patrol West
Donna Goltry MAPD
Officer Morris, Patrol North
Officer Schwedal, Patrol South
Officer Fewborn, Patrol South
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

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Call to Order

Councilwoman Sharon Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from February 6, 2006 is accepted with the following amendments.
(**Wine/VanWalleghen 9-0**)

- Page 2: under proposed changes to Manufactured Home Park Regulations- Member Carr spoke in favor of shelters being opened during tornado watches not warnings
- ZON2006-00002- Member Carr added to the recommendation make sure on West of property have access to the easement.

Member Escobar arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of agenda as submitted. (**Wine/Schreck 10-0**)

Public Agenda

1. **Wichita's Promise Youth Council:** *Katherine Lewis* (WPYC member) gave an overview of the youth council with power point handouts discussing the mission, history, goals and activities offered. An upcoming activity scheduled for April 22nd will be **Hands On Wichita**, a one-day event to make life better for kids. Volunteers will serve at a local elementary school or park in Wichita that need improvement. **Member Escobar** asked how many active members did the group have and at one time you had a pamphlet describing the program, do you still have it?

Lewis responded there are between 20-30 youth involved and she is writing a grant at this time for republishing the pamphlet, depending on if the money is awarded the pamphlet will be reprinted and distributed this summer. **Escobar** thanked *Lewis* for coming and said this is a very worthwhile program.

Via Christi HOPE program: *Angela Aubrey* discussed HOPE is the only Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) provided in the state of Kansas. The PACE program allows for our older residents to remain as healthy and independent in their own community for as long as possible and is safe to do so. The program offers three levels of service: 1) In home services (day-to-day) involving homemaking and personal; 2) Parklane Adult Day Center where seniors can socialize and receive a noon meal with van service to and from home and 3) Medical Clinic which provides services such as primary care and if specialty services are needed they will contract with those providers. To qualify you need to be age 55 and older, have some health issues and cannot be living in a nursing home. Also if you have mobility issues you will qualify and the client needs some form of community support. *Aubrey* continued saying this is not a Hospice program but can qualify for Medicare/Medicaid assistance depending on income

Member VanWalleghen asked if the seniors need to meet any residency timeline requirements? No time limit on residency as we have several adults whose children live here and they move here to be closer. **Member Carr** asked if the seniors are receiving assistance from HOPE, could they also receive other programs such as Meals on Wheels? Yes, some participant's health will decline and go to nursing home, but we can provide care till end of life.

***** **Action: Receive and file**

2. Off-agenda items- none

Staff presentations

3. Community Police Report

Patrol West: Officer Kyle, Beat 11 discussed several break in incidents near 13th & West streets. The break-ins are occurring after hours, one has been at the Morgan's Landing apartments and the 13th and West Street Genesis' construction site. At 13th & St. Paul we are seeing an increase in accidents and I have discussed with the traffic engineers to see what can be done. There will be no changing of the intersection. During the month of March we are doing a warrant sweep covering all beats. In the Riverside area we have seen several fires and have met with the Fire department and Patrol North to exchange info. At this time we have no suspect but are increasing patrol and will continue to work the area.

Patrol North: Officer Morris, Beat 49 said in the last month in the Benjamin Hills and Sherwood Glen neighborhoods we have seen auto burglaries and BB guns shooting out windows. We have increased patrol to try and catch who is doing this. I'm working on a project about enforcement of health code violations for repeat offenders. If a landlord has received his 15th violation and is charged they are charged as first time offenders and we want to change the way the repeat offenders are charged. This problem is happening all over the city. **Member Bradley** said she heard they are using lasers to shoot out windows. I called 911 about the windows being shot out and they wouldn't send anyone, as I wasn't the property owner.

Council Member Fearey commented if you are working on your neighborhood newsletters you might want to put in reminders about locking your car, put the car in the garage at night and any other safety issues/tips for people to read.

Patrol South: Officer Fewborn, Beat 21 said he also was a victim of having his car windows shot out. Please make a police report on any incident even if it's just for insurance purposes. Fewborn continued to say he worked in Old Town and on Beat 22 we continue to have a chronic problem with the homeless population. This is a delicate issue and we need to take care of it but the homeless don't want assistance from anyone. We're having to make 4-5 calls daily due to homeless issues. Captain Speer, Patrol South has organized a meeting for all social service agencies to meet and discuss this problem. A flyer was made and handed out to the homeless on the type of assistance they can receive. Long ago homelessness overran Naftzger Park but a project was made to address the problems and today it's clean. Also, we were seeing the same problem in Heritage Park and have started working to solve the problem and are now noticing some decline. Since January at Kellogg & Washington Streets we have had an increase of 90 citations due to speeders causing accidents.

Patrol South: Officer Schwedal said he is trying to address the homeless issue by working with our law dept by writing a new city ordinance that covers no camping in public. We are seeing lots of homeless people setting up campgrounds. Businesses are complaining and there is nothing we can do about it. The recent murder we had took place in a camp ground along with someone who froze to death. There are lots of agencies that want to get the homeless people to use shelters but they don't want to.

Member Carr said neighbors have told her of incidents occurring and they didn't report them. What is the deadline to report occurrences to police? There is no deadline and you could also report to beat coordinators in your area.

Council Member Fearey commented at the little park on North Emporia there has been a group of men just sitting at the picnic tables not allowing the kids to use the park. The mother's will not take their children there as it's threatening. Will this new ordinance cover this? Officer Schwedal responded some of these people have mental disabilities and don't understand what is going on around them. They have to be setting up residency like sleeping along a bench with a bedroll or putting up a tent for it to be illegal. If they are just sitting, it's legal.

Member Schreck reminded everyone don't leave your garage door opener in car and your car parked in the driveway, this allows anyone to steal from your garage and they can get into your house.

***** **Action:** Receive and file

Planning

4. CON2006-00004

District VI Advisory Board considered a Conditional Use request for vehicle and equipment sales, outdoor, on property zoned "LC" Limited Commercial, generally located on the northeast corner of I-235 and Central. The DAB Members were provided the public notice and MAPD staff comments for review prior to the meeting. **Donna Goltry**, Planner presented the case background and reviewed the staff recommendation with members and the public.

***** **Action:** Motion to recommend approval (**Bradley/VanWalleghen 7-3 Carr/Schreck/Wine**) of the Conditional Use request based on staff recommendations including the four conditions offered by the applicant, to allow only eleven vehicles on the property for sale at anytime and to include solid screening for any outdoor storage.

Greg Ferris, agent stated the applicant had offered to include four more conditions to the staff recommendation. The following conditions are: the pole signage will not increase, only a certain number of cars are allowed for sale on the lot, the location on where the cars could be placed and no flashing or moving signs would be used. The applicant plans on improving the landscape and is talking to the traffic engineer about the traffic flow.

One member of the public inquired on the lighting conditions for the car sales.

DAB members' questions/concerns included 1)Wouldn't it be best for the City to purchase this property since the north property is not used and would be of more value to the city than a car lot; 2) is the site plan showing the parking for along the front of the property; 3) Storage to the north, is it screened or can it be screened to cover vehicles, 4) Car lots in unapproved areas these locations need to be looked at and 5) is this request to be for car sales or car repair. Responses were given for each question/comment noted.

5. **Farmers' Markets**

Donna Goltry, Planner presented proposed regulatory changes to allow farmers markets in "LC," Limited Commercial zoning districts for more than two days per month. Currently, farmers markets are not specifically defined and/or regulated by either the United Zoning Code (UZO) or by the City of Wichita "miscellaneous sale" or "transient merchant" licensing ordinances. In LC areas, these markets are currently limited to no more than 2 days per month. These types of markets are held in the Old Town plaza. Goltry continued saying the proposed changes include farmer's market definition, establishing special zoning districts, and licensing. The licensing would allow an umbrella type of license for the "market operator" to complete for all vendors and be primarily responsible for the vendors. Cereal Malt Beverage and any other special licensing would still need to be obtained by the individual vendor.

Board Members expressed concerns if there would be public comment allowed on the application process; could individuals be licensed; would this ordinance apply to the County Extension Farmers' Market and if so could Old Town Farmers Market have the same exemption. The definition of Farmer's Market description needs to include the word Kansas farmer or grower to sell agricultural products.

A **citizen** who handles the current farmers' market on the Old Town plaza stated she is in agreement of the changes but asked would there be restrictions for out of state participants and under License fees section (C - IV) could cabarets be completely removed from the license code. The citizen also said because she wanted to expand a farmer's market in an east location of the city this was how the proposed changes came about.

***** **Action:** Members provided comments

Board Agenda

6. Problem Properties

- Wrecked Black Cadillac on the street at 2837 Edwards

*******Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

7. Neighborhood Reports

The neighborhood **CHUG** is now gone

MCRC- is offering the Speaker Series Better Together; Ethnic Communities starting April 7th.

*******Action:** Receive and file

UPDATES FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER

- Keeper of the Plains- reinstallation on Monday, March 13th at 9am
- City Council is looking at awarding grant Money to WIN (Wichita Independent Neighborhoods) for NUSA neighbor USA conference in Kansas City in May 2006

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Guests

Berle Willis	3834 Woodrow
Katherine Lewis	9714 W Greens Point
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Respectfully Submitted,

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